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Notice of Staff Workshop for the El Centro Unit 3 Repower Project Small Power Plant Exemption (06-SPPE-2)

The California Energy Commission Staff will conduct a workshop to discuss the Draft Initial Study for the Small Power Plant Exemption (SPPE) request filed by the Imperial Irrigation District (IID). The El Centro Unit 3 Repower Project is a proposal for replacing an existing steam generating unit within the site of the existing El Centro Generating Station located in El Centro, Imperial County, California. Unit 3 has a capacity of 44 megawatts (MW), which will be increased by 84 MW, resulting in a new capacity total of 128 MW.

> Wednesday, October 11, 2006 1:00 p.m. CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION 1516 Ninth Street Third Floor, Conference Room 3 Sacramento, California (Wheelchair Accessible) (Map Attached)

To participate in the meeting by telephone. Please call: 1-888-791-1856 By 1:00 p.m. Passcode: 47640, Call Leader: Mary Dyas

Purpose

The Energy Commission Staff is currently analyzing the IID's request for a SPPE from the Energy Commission licensing process. Staff published a Draft Initial Study analysis on September 22, 2006, which will be the focus of the staff workshop. Following the workshop, staff will consider the comments it receives and will publish a Final Initial Study analysis and recommendation which will be staff's testimony in an upcoming evidentiary hearing.

Background

On May 19, 2006, the IID filed a request for a SPPE with the Energy Commission. The Energy Commission is responsible for reviewing and ultimately approving or denying all thermal electric power plants, 50 MW and greater, proposed for construction in California. The Energy Commission's SPPE process allows projects between 50 and 100 MW to proceed with local approval rather than requiring an Energy Commission license. An exemption from this licensing process is available if the Energy Commission finds that the project would not create a substantial adverse impact on the environment or energy

resources. The Energy Commission is the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Written Comments

Written comments on the Draft Initial Study should be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 23, 2006. Please include the docket number 06-SPPE-2 and El Centro Unit 3 Repower in the subject line or first paragraph of your comments. Please hand-deliver or mail to:

Mary Dyas, Project Manager California Energy Commission 1516 Ninth Street, MS# 15 Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

The Energy Commission also encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name or your organization's name in the e-mail. Those submitting comments via e-mail should provide them in either Microsoft Word format, or as a Portable Document (PDF), to: mdyas@energy.state.ca.us. One original paper copy must also be provided by regular mail or hand delivery.

Public Participation

The Energy Commission's Public Adviser, Margret J. Kim, provides the public with assistance in participating in Energy Commission activities. If you want information on how to participate in this proceeding, please contact the Public Adviser's Office at (916) 654-4489 or toll free at (800) 822-6228, by FAX at (916) 654-4493, or by e-mail at pao@energy.state.ca.us If you have a disability and require assistance to participate, please contact Lou Quiroz at (916) 654-5146 at least five days in advance.

Please direct all news media inquiries to Claudia Chandler, Assistant Executive Director, at (916) 654-4989 or e-mail at energy.ca.gov.

For technical questions on the subject matter, please call Mary Dyas, Project Manager at (916) 651-8891 or at: mdyas@energy.state.ca.us.

Date: 9/29/04

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BEFORE THE ENERGY RESOURCES CONSERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

APPLICATION FOR A SMALL POWER PLANT EXEMPTION FOR THE EL CENTRO UNIT 3 REPOWER PROJECT

Docket No. 06-SPPE-02
PROOF OF SERVICE

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DECLARATION OF SERVICE

- I, Dora Gomez, declare that on <u>September 29, 2006</u>, I deposited copies of the attached EI CENTRO UNIT 3 REPOWER PROJECT NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (6-SPPE2)
- I Dora Gomez; declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.